

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Dear Michael Powell,

I think it is a very bad idea to allow the concentration of media ownership, if one's aim is keep the diversity of thought and opinion alive in a democracy. Concentration of ownership, as well as the lack of meaningful campaign finance reform, means that big money can influence the kind of information citizens of a democracy will receive, hence how they will vote, make decisions collectively. The concentration, hence control of information, and democracy are not compatible concepts. Sincerely, Sterling Bennett